THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) The three Rail projects launched by the Hon'ble PM in December, 2002 are (i) Construction of Rail cum Road mega bridge at Munger at a cost of Rs. 921 crores (ii) Doubling of Gooty-Pullampeta line at a cost of Rs. 305 crores (iii) Gauge conversion of Gandhidham-Palanpur at a cost of Rs. 345 crores.

(b) The above projects are being taken up under National Rail Vikas Yojana, announced on 15th Aug.' 02, that is to be completed in five years except for the mega bridge.

Plots to Railway Employees under 'Grow more food' scheme

443. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that plots offered to class three and four staff to cultivate vegetables under 'Grow more food' scheme of Western and Central Railway have been sublet or rented out to others;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) action taken by the Railway against these employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Allocation to Orissa for Rail Infrastructure

444. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Orissa has demanded an allocation of Rs. 510 crores from Railways for development of rail infrastructure to match with the resources generated from the State, as reported in the 'Indian Express' of 23rd January, 2003;

(b) whether the State has already submitted a memorandum in this regard earlier; if so, the demands made therein; and